



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL LINDA R. URRUTIA-VARHALL

Colonel Linda R. Urrutia-Varhall commands the 8th Mission Support Group at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The group provides complete combat operational support to the 8th Fighter Wing, including its two F-16 squadrons and deployed forces, in this remote, high-threat location. As commander, she's responsible for the leadership and management of the base's civil engineer, communications-computer systems support, security and law enforcement, transportation, supply, personnel, logistics readiness, education, food services, housing and recreation agencies.

Colonel Urrutia-Varhall earned her commission after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1984. During her career, she's served in various squadron, wing and higher headquarters positions as an intelligence officer. She became the first Air Force representative in the National Military Intelligence Center at the Pentagon. In 1998, she was named to command the first Air Force Information Warfare Flight at 9th Air Force and Central Air Forces headquarters at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. Prior to her current assignment, the colonel was the director of intelligence at Headquarters U.S. Air Forces Europe at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.



EDUCATION

- 1984 Bachelor of science degree in civil engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 1986 Squadron Officer School by correspondence
- 1990 Master of science degree in strategic intelligence, Defense Intelligence College (distinguished graduate)
- 1995 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1995 Armed Forces Staff College, Joint Professional Military Education, Phase II
- 2001 National Defense Fellow (Senior Service School), Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1985 – February 1987, executive officer and operation deputy, 544th Intelligence Analysis Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.
2. February 1987, chief, strategic intelligence architecture plans, 544th Strategic Intelligence Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.
3. February 1987 – February 1988, commander in chief of Strategic Air Command's intelligence briefing officer, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
4. February 1988 – October 1988, intelligence facility development engineer, 544th Strategic Intelligence Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.
5. November 1988 – September 1989, student, Defense Intelligence College, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

6. September 1989 – July 1990, Air Force intelligence representative to National Military Intelligence Center, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
7. July 1990 – December 1993, executive support officer to the Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
8. December 1993 – June 1994, international politico-military affairs officer, Somalia Task Force, International Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
9. June 1994 – June 1995, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. June 1995 – May 1996, senior watch officer, Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific Joint Intelligence Center, Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hawaii
11. May 1996 – May 1998, chief, crisis management division, Pacific Joint Intelligence Center, Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hawaii
12. May 1998 – November 1999, chief, information warfare division, Pacific Joint Intelligence Center, Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hawaii
13. November 1999 – June 2001, commander, 9th Air Force Central Air Forces Information Warfare Flight, and later commander, Detachment 3, 67th Intelligence Group, Shaw AFB, S.C.
14. June 2001 – June 2002, senior fellow, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2002 – June 2003, chief, analysis branch and battle captain (deployed), Joint Intelligence Center, Headquarters U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
16. June 2003 – June 2004, operations officer and battle captain (deployed), Joint Intelligence Center, Headquarters U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., and Camp Asayliyah, Qatar
17. June 2004 – May 2005, director of intelligence, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany
18. May 2005 – present, commander, 8th Mission Support Group, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

National Military Intelligence Association's Maj. Gen. Jack Thomas National Military Intelligence Officer of the Year, 1998

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second lieutenant	May 30, 1984
First lieutenant	May 30, 1986
Captain	May 30, 1988
Major	Nov. 1, 1994
Lieutenant colonel	June 1, 1999
Colonel	May 1, 2005